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Letter dated 23 September 2002 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In accordance with Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to transmit herewith resolution 6222 dated 5 September 2002, entitled "Solidarity with Republic of the Sudan". The above-mentioned resolution was adopted by the League of Arab States Council at the level of Ministers for Foreign Affairs at its one hundred eighteenth regular session, held from 3 to 5 September 2002 at the League of Arab States headquarters in Cairo.

I should be grateful if you would draw the attention of the members of the Security Council to the present letter and its annex, and have them circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 23 September 2002 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

[Original: Arabic]

Solidarity with the Republic of the Sudan

The Ministerial-level Council of the League of Arab States,

Having considered:

The note by the Secretary-General;

The preliminary report of the Secretary-General;

And the recommendation of the Political Committee,

Having heard the intervention of His Excellency the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Sudan concerning the peace process and the signing on 20 July 2002 of the Machakos agreement between the Sudanese Government and the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement and subsequent developments,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the same subject,

Decides:

1. To affirm its commitment to the unity of the territory and people of the Sudan and to the maintenance of the country's sovereignty and territorial integrity, as well as its rejection of any attempts to dismember the country; and to call upon the regional and international parties concerned to support the efforts being made to achieve peace and national reconciliation in the Sudan and to endeavour to ensure that its unity and territorial integrity are maintained;

2. To affirm its solidarity with the Sudan in confronting any threats to its security, integrity and unity and its support for the efforts of the Government of the Sudan to achieve a comprehensive peace, national reconciliation among all Sudanese and a general ceasefire that will spare further bloodshed among its citizens and open the way to the development and progress of the country;

3. To establish a ministerial committee, comprising the United Arab Emirates, the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sultanate of Oman, the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Yemen as well as the Republic of the Sudan and the Secretary-General, to monitor the peace process in the Sudan and make intensive efforts, in close cooperation with the Government of the Sudan, to affirm the country's unity, to achieve a comprehensive peace in all areas and to promote Arab efforts to develop southern Sudan;

4. To request the Secretary-General, acting in consultation and coordination with the Sudanese Government, to appoint a special envoy for the Sudan to monitor developments in the peace process in the Sudan and the Arab role therein in all its aspects, to establish communication with all the parties and entities concerned and to submit periodic reports to the Secretary-General for subsequent presentation to the relevant ministerial committee;

5. To request member States to make the necessary financial contributions to the Arab fund to assist the Sudan in developing the south so that it may begin to establish development projects in the region of southern Sudan in implementation of Arab summit resolution 230 A, adopted in Beirut on 28 March 2002; and to request the ministerial committee established to monitor the peace process in the Sudan and the Secretary-General to manage the fund until such time as its board of management is established;

6. To invite member States and the Arab investment and finance funds to invest in southern Sudan by establishing development projects, especially for infrastructure and public and social services; and to request the Secretary-General to convene a coordination meeting of the funds in question with the Government of the Sudan in order to consider modalities for the implementation of development projects in southern Sudan;

7. To invite the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa to channel its loans and investments to southern Sudan in implementation of Arab summit resolution 211, which calls for the least developed Afro-Arab countries to be allowed to benefit from its loans and its assistance;

8. To invite Arab non-governmental organizations to provide material and technical support and humanitarian assistance to southern Sudan and to participate in the provision of relief to persons displaced and otherwise adversely affected by the war;

9. To urge the United States of America to lift the unilateral economic sanctions it has imposed on the Sudan;

10. To thank the Secretary-General and to request him to continue his endeavours with the Government and the Sudanese parties, as well as with regional and international entities, to promote the peace and reconciliation process in the Sudan in the context of preserving its unity and to submit a report in this regard to the Council at its next session.

(Resolution 118/6222, adopted by the Ministerial-level Council of the League of Arab States on 5 September 2002 at the third meeting of its one hundred and eighteenth regular session)